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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

November 30, 2007

MR. WILLIAM J. MAXWELL  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH  
608 SOUTH WRIGHT STREET  
URBANA, IL 61801

Subject: JOHNSON, CHARLES S.

FOIPA No. 1073646- 000

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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Section 552a

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442 page(s) were reviewed and 348 page(s) are being released.

☒ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

☒ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.

☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

To minimize costs to both you and the FBI, extra file copies of the same document were not processed.

Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.11 and 16.49, there is a fee of ten cents per page for duplication. No fees are assessed for the a first 100 pages. Your check or money order, payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the amount of \$24.80, is due upon receipt of this communication.

## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute(A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could be reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could be reasonably expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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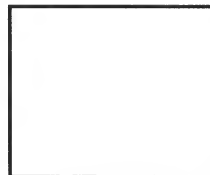
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SAC, Memphis

May 26, 1955

Director, FBI (100-233741)

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 CHARLES S. JOHNSON  
 SECURITY MATTER - C

The Bureau is in receipt of a newspaper captioned, "Festival," allegedly a newspaper of the International Preparatory Committee of the 5th World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship to be held in Warsaw, Poland, from July 31, to August 14, 1955. This festival is sponsored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth which is an international Communist front organization, a citation of which appears in the Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. On page 3 of this newspaper under the heading "Charles S. Johnson, Nashville University, U.S.A." appears the following which apparently is an excerpt from a letter received from Johnson: "...I believe it would be useful for our students to have information regarding the 5th World Festival of Youth and Students. Until now we have not taken part but we are now very interested not only in the development of the youth, but also in the friendship of all young people of the world."

Bureau indices have been searched for any identifiable data concerning captioned individual. Bufiles reflect one Charles S. Johnson of Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee, who probably is identical with the Charles S. Johnson who communicated with the above organization. Bufiles reflect information received from the United States Army, Fourth Area, Atlanta, Georgia, under date of August 19, 1943. G2 advised that information had been received that a colored officer had been solicited by Charles S. Johnson of the Department of Social Science, Fiske University, for information on transportation difficulties experienced by Negro troops such as "purchasing of tickets, seating

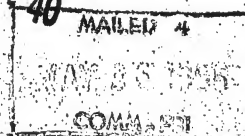
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accommodations on carriers, dining car and lunch room service, undue delays in starting or at arrival, indignities and humiliations suffered at the hands of transportation personnel or civilians and other related items." G2 reported that it had been determined that Johnson had been active in organizations advocating racial equality. He allegedly was a member of the Advisory Board for the Southern Negro Youth Congress. He sponsored the second meeting of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in April, 1940, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and also sponsored the third meeting of this organization at Nashville, Tennessee, in April, 1942. Johnson allegedly assisted in the organization of the Southern Conference on Race Relations, the first meeting of which was held at the North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham, North Carolina, October 22, 1942. The purposes of this conference have been described as being "to find a common denominator for the use of liberal whites and Negroes of the South in their efforts to bring about a better relationship between races and to write a new charter on a national basis which would be fraternal and scientific as a starting point in race relations during this war and the period to follow." It is noted that the original source of the above information received from G2 is unknown.

Bufiles reflect a request for loyalty data dated February 21, 1952, was received at the Bureau from Civil Service Commission on behalf of the National Security Resources Board, Washington, D. C., on one Charles S. Johnson. This individual was listed as then employed at Fiske University, Nashville, Tennessee, and had been so employed since 1928. This form reflects Johnson was born in Bristol, Virginia, on July 24, 1893, and was married to Marie A. Burgette who was born November 20, 1894, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Johnson was then residing at 1700 Meharry Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee. He listed the following organizations of

which he was a member: American Sociological Society; American Social Hygiene Association; National Urban League; National Manpower Council; U.N.E.S.C.O. (U. S. National Commission); and Board of Foreign Scholarships.

Bureau files also reflect that one Charles Spurgeon Johnson, also probably identical with the above individual, was the subject of an investigation captioned, "Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress, Voice of America." Enclosed for your information are copies of 19 investigative reports submitted during the course of this inquiry. NO LOC

The above data is submitted for your information and the completion of your files. You should review the material forwarded to you as well as information contained in your office files concerning captioned individual and thereafter be guided by current Bureau instructions pertaining to security investigations.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-233741)

DATE: 5-31-55

FROM : SAC, Memphis (100-2107)

SUBJECT: CHARLES S. JOHNSON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rebulet May 26, 1955, captioned CHARLES S. JOHNSON, SECURITY MATTER -

C."

This subject is identical with CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON, President, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, which is a colored university. Dr. JOHNSON resides at 1611 Meharry Boulevard in Nashville. He was born July 24, 1893 at Bristol, Virginia. He received his B.A. Degree from Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia, in 1917, a PAB Degree from the University of Chicago in 1918, and an LHD Degree from Howard University in 1941. He is married to MARIE ANTONETTE BURGETTE. They have three children. During the first World War, Dr. JOHNSON served as a Regimental Sergeant with the AEF in France.

Dr. JOHNSON has the reputation of being a liberal educator but at the same time extremely loyal to the United States. In 1944, Dr. JOHNSON was used as a National Defense Informant of the Memphis Office. He has through the years been contacted and is still contacted as a Source of Information concerning matters at Fisk University.

UACB, no investigation is being conducted concerning Dr. JOHNSON.

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STANDARD FORM 85  
Promulgated  
August 1, 1947, by  
Civil Service Commission  
(Chapter 12, F.P.M.)

REQUEST FOR REPORT OF LOYALTY DATA ON APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEES

THIS FORM TO BE USED ONLY FOR APPLICANTS AND APPOINTEES  
WHERE RECORD CHECKS AND INQUIRIES ARE CONDUCTED  
BY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
(PART 1—EXECUTIVE ORDER 9835)

CASE SERIAL NO.  
(CSC use only)  
4.52.73201

TO: The Federal Bureau of Investigation, through the U. S. Civil Service Commission  
The following information is furnished for identification purposes on the person named below. Kindly furnish a report on any  
loyalty information contained in your files. (The fingerprints of this person are attached.)

1. FULL NAME (Initials and abridgments of full name are not acceptable).		(Surname) Johnson	(Given name) Charles	(Middle or other names) S (I.O.)
2. ALIASES AND NICKNAMES none			3. DATE OF THIS REQUEST 2/21/52	
4. SPECIAL NUMBERS KNOWN TO REQUESTING AGENCY (FBI number or FBI file number, passport number, Army or Navy serial number, seaman's certificate of identification, alien registration number, Social Security number, etc. Specify which) Social Security [redacted]				
5. PLACE OF BIRTH Bristol, Virginia		6. DATE OF BIRTH 7/24/93		7. TITLE OF POSITION "SENSITIVE" President, Fisk University
8. SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	9. MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED		10. IF MARRIED, GIVE SPOUSE'S FULL NAME, AND DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH Marie A. Burgette Milwaukee, Wisconsin 11/20/94	
11. DATE OF APPOINTMENT 1/8/52		12. TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> TEMPORARY <input type="checkbox"/> COMPETITIVE (Cite Civil Service or other legal authority)		
13. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS American Sociological Society; American Social Hygiene Association; National Urban League; National Manpower Council; U.N.E.S.C.O. (U. S. National Commission); Board of Foreign Scholarships				
14. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS				
From	To	Street	City	State
1928	present	1700 Meharry Blvd.	Nashville,	Tennessee
15. DATES, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF EMPLOYERS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS				
Date	Employer	Address		
1928 - present	Fisk University	Nashville, Tennessee		
16. THIS AGENCY HAS LOYALTY INFORMATION REPORT(S) FURNISHED BY THE AGENCIES INDICATED BELOW:				
AGENCY WHICH MADE THE LOYALTY REPORT		DATE OF REPORT		
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17. THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR RETURN REPORT WHERE NO DEROGATORY IN- FORMATION DEVELOPED 12 AS CLEARANCE See reverse side		18. NAME AND ADDRESS OF REQUESTING AGENCY National Security Resources Board Security Office, Rm 18, Executive Office Bldg. 17th & Pa. Ave. NW Washington, D. C.		

SEE REVERSE FOR REPORT ON CASES WHERE DEROGATORY INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED

March 17, 1952

The files of the FBI reflect that copies of the reports from an applicant type investigation concerning this individual were furnished to the Civil Service Commission on January 30, 1952. No additional information has been received by the FBI concerning Johnson since the reports were furnished to the Civil Service Commission.

No further investigation is being made by the FBI concerning Johnson unless a specific request is received. This is not to be considered as a clearance or disapproval of the applicant.

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FBI, Washington, D. C.

(Name of Reporting Agency)

## INSTRUCTIONS ON PREPARATION OF STANDARD FORM 85

1. This form (Standard Form 85) is promulgated by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of carrying out the responsibilities with respect to applicants for Federal employment and persons appointed to Federal positions after September 30, 1947, as provided in Part 1 of Executive Order 9335.
2. All items must be filled in. If the answer is "No" or "None", so state.
3. The Fingerprint Chart (Standard Form 87) of the applicant or appointee must be submitted with the original and two copies of this form. The third carbon copy of the form should be retained by the agency.
4. If additional space is needed in filling in Items 14 and 15, use a separate sheet of paper, number the item to correspond with the item number of this form, and attach.
5. If the requesting agency has previously received loyalty information from any Government agency (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation) concerning the employee named in this form, the name of the agency which furnished the information and the date of the report should be shown in Item 16.
6. Item 17 is reserved for use in reporting on this report when no derogatory information is developed.
7. Whenever information is developed the report will be covered in Item 19 above.
8. For further details regarding the use of this form see the Federal Personnel Manual, Chapter I 2.

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Subj: William C. [unclear]

Address: [unclear] Spurgeon

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: July 11, 1955

To:

Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
Applicant *Charles S. Johnson*  
United Nations Educational, Scientific,  
and Cultural Organization  
Paris, France  
LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There is enclosed herewith one copy of a United Nations loyalty form recently submitted concerning captioned individual under the provisions of Executive Order 10459. This form bears the notation, "Furnish CSC copies of each report of investigation conducted by FBI in this case."

Your attention is directed to my letter dated February 15, 1952, entitled, "Charles Spurgeon Johnson, Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress, Voice of America." This letter transmitted reports of this Bureau's investigation for consideration under Executive Order 9835.

By letter dated June 4, 1952, the Loyalty Review Board advised that Mr. Johnson was "eligible on loyalty."

The files of this Bureau reveal no investigation in addition to the above.

Enclosure

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*John*

Letter to [redacted]

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Our files reflect receipt of a newspaper entitled, "Festival," dated February 15, 1955, which appears to have been published by the International Preparatory Committee of the Fifth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship which was scheduled to be held in Warsaw, Poland, from July 31, 1955, through August 14, 1955. This paper reflects the address of the International Preparatory Committee as Grojecka 17, Warsaw, Poland.

Page three, column one, sets forth what purports to be a part of a letter written by "Charles S. Johnson, Nashville University, USA." This letter is quoted as follows:

"I believe it would be useful for our students to have information regarding the Fifth World Festival of Youth and Students. Until now we have not taken part but we are now very interested not only in the development of the youth, but also in the friendship of all young people of the world."

It is noted that applicant's United Nations Loyalty form shows employment at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

(100-233741-2 & 100-185087-1442)

The above newspaper indicates that this festival may be sponsored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth. This organization has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as follows:

"The AYD (American Youth for Democracy) is affiliated with the World Federation of Democratic Youth which was founded in London in November, 1945, by delegates from over fifty nations.... From the outset the World Federation of Democratic Youth demonstrated that it was far more interested in serving as a pressure group in behalf of Soviet foreign policy than it was in the specific problems of international youth.... So strong was the Communist domination at the London conference that it aroused the deepest concern of the English bishops."

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Letter to [redacted]

[redacted] Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission

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It is also cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities "as one of the 'long established Soviet-controlled international organizations' which 'speak identical lines of propaganda and stand together on all phases of Soviet foreign policy' and which has 'affiliated organizations in the United States, which consequently have also been turned into instruments in the peace campaign.'"

Since it appears that Mr. Johnson is being considered for employment for a period of less than ninety days, and since the Commission is in possession of this Bureau's reports of investigation, further investigation will not be conducted under the United Nations loyalty program in the absence of a specific request from you.

The above is submitted for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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U. S. Department of Justice

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION DATA

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WHERE INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AS REQUIRED IN SEC. 1001, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS

1. FULL NAME (initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable)		MR <del>MR</del> <del>MR</del>	(First) Charles	(Middle) Spurgeon	(Maiden, if any)	(Last) Johnson
2. PLACE OF BIRTH Bristol, Virginia				DATE OF BIRTH July 24, 1893		
3. CITIZEN: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		IF NATURALIZED DATE OF NATURALIZATION		NUMBER 14815	PLACE OF NATURALIZATION C. J.	
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FULL NAME

PRESENT BUSINESS OR HOME ADDRESS  
(Give complete current address, including street and number)

BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION

## 8. IMMEDIATE RELATIVES

NAME

RELATION

ADDRESS

Julia Mae Johnson

Sister

Cotton Valley School  
Tuskegee, Alabama

9. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS.

(See attached sheet)

10. (A) WERE YOU EVER IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE?  
(B) IS THE WORD "HONORABLE" OR THE WORD "SATISFACTORY" USED IN YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION PAPERS TO SHOW THE TYPE OF YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION?  
(C) WAS SERVICE PERFORMED ON AN ACTIVE FULL-TIME BASIS, WITH FULL MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES?

YES

NO.

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(D) DATE OF ENTRY OR ENTRIES INTO SERVICE

July, 1918

DATE OF SEPARATION OR SEPARATIONS

July, 1919

BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, etc.)

Army

SERIAL NO. (if none, give grade or rating at time of separation).

3,755,536

11. LIST IN DETAIL ANY PRESENT OR FORMER FOREIGN CONNECTIONS:

12. RELATIVES NOW RESIDING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

NAME

ADDRESS

None

October 26, 1951

DATE

SIGNATURE

9. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL

United States National Committee for UNESCO

Southern Regional Council

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American Council on Education Committee on Relationships of Higher Education to the Federal Government

John Hay Whitney Foundation Board of Trustees and Fellowship Awards Committee

National Manpower Council (Ford Foundation and Columbia University)

UNESCO "Project for a Scientific and Cultural History of Mankind"

American Hygiene Association

National Planning Association

National Urban League Board of Trustees

United States Department of Labor - Children's Bureau

American Sociological Review Editorial Board

White House Conference on Children in Tennessee

Board of Foreign Scholarships under the Fulbright Act

Southern Sociological Society

Sociological Research Association

Board of Control for Southern Regional Education

Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society

National Society for Crippled Children and Adults

International Mark Twain Society

Countee Cullen Memorial Scholarship Committee

National Committee for "The People Act" (Ford Foundation

Alpha Kappa Delta (National Honorary Sociological Society)



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Date: December 5, 1951  
To: SAC, Washington Field  
From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

Subject: CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
VOICE OF AMERICA

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above named individual. The instructions contained in Section 103, Volume 3 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook should be observed in connection with this investigation. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, by December 19, 1951.

Address: 1700 Meharry Boulevard  
Nashville, Tennessee  
Birth date: July 24, 1893  
Birthplace: Bristol, Virginia

ALL OFFICES: By letter dated August 19, 1943, the War Department advised this Bureau as follows:

It has been determined that Charles S. Johnson of the Department of Social Science, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee has been active in several organizations advocating racial equality. He is a member of the Advisory Board for the Southern Negro Youth Congress. He sponsored the second meeting

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of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in April 1940 at Chattanooga, Tennessee and also sponsored the third meeting of this organization at Nashville, Tennessee in April 1942.

He further assisted in the organization of the Southern Conference on Race Relations, the first meeting of which was held at the North Carolina college for negroes, Durham, North Carolina, October 22, 1942. The purposes of this conference have been described as being 'to find a common denominator for the use of liberal whites and negroes of the South in their efforts to bring about a better relationship between races and to write a new charter on a national basis which would be fraternal and scientific as a starting point in race relations during this war and the period to follow.'

A review of Bureau files reflects the following information.

A confidential and reliable source has advised that one Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University was listed as a sponsor and endorser of the fourth annual conference of the American Youth Congress, on March 2 and 3, 1940, at Washington, D. C.

The same source advised that as of October 1946, Charles S. Johnson was listed as a sponsor and member of the Advisory Board of the Southern Negro Youth Congress.

In July 1944, a confidential and reliable source advised that one Dr. Charles S. Johnson was listed as a member of the Executive Board of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

In July 1943, another confidential and reliable source reported that Charles S. Johnson, Director of the Social Science Department of Fisk University, had taken an active part in the affairs of the Abraham Lincoln School as a speaker and an instructor.

There was made available to a representative of this Bureau in March 1940, a letterhead of the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born which listed Professor Charles S. Johnson as a sponsor.

The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D. C., in a booklet issued in 1944 entitled, "Appendix-Part 9, Communist Front Organizations with Special Reference to the National Citizens Political Action Committee," listed Charles S. Johnson as a member of the Nashville Committee of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

SAC, Washington Field

Under date of September 14, 1949, the State Department furnished the Bureau with a list of the American delegates selected to attend the conference on Indian-American Relations at New Delhi, India in 1949. This communication indicated that the delegates selected were representing the Institute of Pacific Relations. The name Charles Spurgeon Johnson, born July 24, 1893 at Bristol, Virginia was on this list. 14820

All Offices will endeavor to develop applicant's degree of association with various groups mentioned above and document various organizations which he either sponsored or was a member of.

MEMPHIS; BIRMINGHAM: Rerep SA [redacted] dated June 17, 1947 at Birmingham and captioned Southern Negro Youth Congress, IS-C. One Charles S. Johnson, Jr. is mentioned on page six as a member of the National Council. Ascertain if identical. Birmingham document organization.

Re Memphis tel dated October 20, 1944 and captioned Charles Spurgeon Johnson, [redacted]

Rerep SA [redacted] dated November 19, 1942 at Birmingham and captioned [redacted] IS-C. C. S. Johnson, Jr., is listed on page eleven.

CHICAGO: Reurfile 116-16458 report of SA [redacted] dated March 15, 1950, at Chicago and captioned [redacted] wa - 11900, AKA-A. One C. S. Johnson is mentioned as an incorporator of the American Council on Race Relations. Develop fully.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/17

FROM : SAC, New York

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DATE 07-09-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/RS/lb

SUBJECT: CHARLES SPURGEON  
JOHNSON CHARACTER OF CASE: V.O.A.

DEADLINE DATE: 12/19

This case will be delinquent because

*I numerous file references to be  
checked on applicant's name as well as  
names of character references*

Report will reach the Bureau by the following date:

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12-18-51

FROM: SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
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NUMEROUS REFERENCES IN HCUA FILES.

Report will reach the Bureau by the following date: 12-27-51

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI 123-12551

DATE: Dec. 21-1951

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO 123-2206

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FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON

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Beardsley Rumel not available for  
interview until after New Year holiday.*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 1-2-52

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: *See* APPLICANT CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON - VOA -  
BUFILE 123-12551.

Original deadline 12-19-51.

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CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON, VOA. REBUTEL TODAY. SEE RUC REPORT  
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SAC Seattle (123-746)

January 25, 1952

Director, FBI (123-12551)

CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT  
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Reference is made to the following reports:

Report of SA [redacted] dated January 10, 1952.  
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Report of SA [redacted] dated January 10, 1952  
at Savannah.

Report of SA [redacted] dated January 14, 1952  
at Memphis.

Report of SA [redacted] dated December 26, 1951  
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Report of SA [redacted] dated January 8, 1952  
at Atlanta.

Report of SA [redacted] dated January 4, 1952  
at Philadelphia.

Report of SA [redacted] dated December 17, 1951  
at Birmingham.

All of the above-referenced reports have been classified  
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Bureau have been so stamped. The field office copies of the  
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CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
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Attention:

Records Administration Branch

For your information, and in order that consideration may be given as to whether any Federal laws have been violated, there are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of reports reflecting the results of an applicant-type investigation conducted by this Bureau on the above-named person. These reports are listed on the enclosed copy of a letter forwarding copies of the reports to the Civil Service Commission under the provisions of Executive Order 9835.

Enclosures

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Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
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CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
VOICE OF AMERICA

Transmitted herewith for consideration under Executive Order 9835 are copies of reports of investigation conducted by this Bureau in discharging its responsibilities under Public Law 402, 80th Congress. It will be noted that these reports in order to comply with the above Public Law necessarily contain information concerning character and reputation, a type of information not ordinarily included in reports of investigation conducted pursuant to Executive Order 9835. No additional investigation will be conducted under the Loyalty Program, unless specifically requested.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 14, 1952 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 4, 1952 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 10, 1952 at Seattle, Washington.

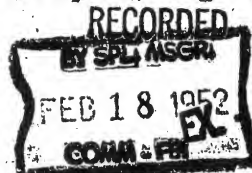
Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 28, 1951 at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 10, 1952 at Savannah, Georgia.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 17, 1951 at Birmingham, Alabama.

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Mr. James E. Hatcher  
U. S. Civil Service Commission

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 26, 1951 at  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 8, 1952 at  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 14, 1952 at  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 24, 1951 at  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 4, 1952 at  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 29, 1951 at  
Miami, Florida.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 7, 1952 at  
Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 8, 1952 at  
Chicago, Illinois.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 19, 1951 at  
Richmond, Virginia.

Report of Special Employee [redacted] dated December 18, 1951 at  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 22, 1952 at  
Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 18, 1951 at  
Mobile, Alabama.

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 19, 1951 at  
Memphis, Tennessee.

Please advise this Bureau of the ultimate disposition which is made  
of this case.

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REPORT MADE AT BIRMINGHAM	DATE WHEN MADE 12/17/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/10,11,14/51	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] rvm
TITLE CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT. Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant identical with CHARLES S. JOHNSON, JR., of Nashville, Tenn., listed as member of National Council, SNYC, in "Cavalcade", a publication of SNYC. SNYC comes within purview of Executive Order 9835.

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BY CRS - RVH - asb BY [redacted]

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field, 12/5/51.

DETAILS: At Birmingham, Alabama

AGENCY Photo - FSH - PHS  
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REP'T FORW. 7-22-53  
BY [redacted]

a daily newspaper, advised he recalls applicant as an instructor at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, for several years and he believes he is presently the President of Fisk University. He stated he did not know whether applicant was connected with the Southern Negro Youth Congress in Birmingham, Alabama.

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[redacted] said that he later saw a copy of "Cavalcade", a magazine published by the SNYC and noticed that his name was listed as a member of the National Council of that organization. He stated he recalls, among several other names listed, the name of CHARLES S. JOHNSON of Fisk University. He said that he definitely recalls that JOHNSON was interested in the SNYC and was considered on the National Council, although as far as he, [redacted] recalls, the National Council did not have any group meetings. [redacted] stated that in his opinion the names on the National Council were used as "bait" to secure other members for the SNYC. He stated at the time he was interested in the SNYC he did not know there were any Communists in the organization, but he later learned that several of the leading members of this group were believed to be Communists.

[redacted] advised he did not know applicant personally and did not attend any meetings with him.

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, and a former member of the Communist Party of Alabama, advised that he recalls applicant was listed as a member and possibly an official in an advisory capacity to the SNYC. [redacted] said he has known of applicant for many years as a professor at Fisk University at Nashville, Tennessee, and that applicant asked him, [redacted] several years ago to make a speech to the student body at Fisk University. [redacted] said applicant so far as he knew was not a member of the Communist Party.

The Southern Negro Youth Congress comes within the purview of the Executive Order 9835.

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FBI, MEMPHIS 4:20 PM 12-17-51 BN

SAC, INDIANAPOLIS URGENT

CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON, VOA. APPLICANT NOW

PRESIDENT, FISK UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TENN., WAS

FORMERLY HEAD OF DEPT. OF SOCIAL SCIENCE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
APPLICANT HAS STATED HE WAS ON ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR  
BOTH SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE, SEE CITATIONS  
BY HCUA, AND SOUTHERN NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS, CITED BY AG.

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[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED CONCERNING JOHNSON IN FORTYFOUR  
AND ADVISED HE CONSIDERED HIM LOYAL AND PATRIOTIC.

STATED BOTH HE, [REDACTED] AND JOHNSON WERE "A LITTLE TO THE  
LEFT," EXPLAINING THAT JOHNSON WAS NOT A COMMUNIST BUT  
WAS "A LITTLE TO THE LEFT OF THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD TREND."  
ALSO STATED JOHNSON'S ACTIVITIES AND RESEARCH AS A STUDENT  
OF SOCIAL SCIENCE CARRIED HIM INTO MANY ORGANIZATIONS, SOME  
OF WHICH PROBABLY HAD COMMUNISTIC TENDENCIES. INTERVIEW

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FILES QUOTE CHARLES S. JOHNSON, PRES. FISK UNIV. UNQUOTE WAS SIGNER  
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FEDERAL LOYALTY REVIEW BOARD. THIS INFO WAS TAKEN FROM PAGE TEN  
NEW YORK TIMES OF JANUARY TWELVE, FORTYEIGHT. REVIEW ABOVE ARTICLE  
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FOR HUMAN WELFARE AND SOUTHERN NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS. INVESTIGATION

REFLECTS ONE CHARLES S. JOHNSON, TENN., WAS LISTED AS SPONSOR OF

MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF EDITORS AND WRITERS OF THE SOUTH, ATLANTA,

GEORGIA, DECEMBER FORTYFOUR, TO DISCUSS VOTING RESTRICTIONS IN THE

SOUTH. CHECK ATLANTA JOURNAL DECEMBER NINETEEN, FORTYFOUR FOR

DETAILS. REBULET INSTRUCTS ALL OFFICES TO ENDEAVOR TO DEVELOP

APPL'S DEGREE OF ASSOCIATION WITH VARIOUS GROUPS MENTIONED ABOVE.

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WELFARE AND SOUTHERN NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS. HCUA RECORDS REFLECT  
ONE CHARLES JOHNSON, NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED, AS MEMBER OF  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF COMMONWEALTH COLLEGE, MENA, ARKANSAS. SOURCE,  
THE COMMONER, COLLEGE PUBLICATION, JUNE THIRTYNINE. REBULET INSTRUCTS  
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